



# PUBLIC MEETING

## Utah Committee of Consumer Services

September 22, 2015



# Welcome & Business

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# Case Updates

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- Net metering
- Questar TS Tariff
- Avoided Cost: Schedule 37
- QF: PPA Term Length
- QF: New PPA Request
- MSP
- EBA
- PacifiCorp & Questar IRP
- Telecom USF requests
- Solar Subscription Tariff
- Misc. reports
- Wexpro II: Request to include new resource



## Upcoming Cases

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- Kennecott:
  - Request to leave system pursuant to recent legislation
  - Calculation of “stranded costs”
- Rocky Mountain Power General Rate Case
- Questar General Rate Case
- 2016 Legislative Session



## Ongoing Case Work

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- Avoided Cost issues may lessen
- DSM
  - Ongoing work with both RMP and Questar
  - Advisory Group, Steering Committee, misc. filings
- IRP
  - Break in PacifiCorp cycle, update filed next March, meetings resume next summer
  - Questar is annual, but for a shorter “season”
- Transmission



# Overview of Budget

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# Overview

- The utility regulatory system is funded by Public Utility Regulatory Fund (PURF)
  - Includes Office of Consumer Services, Division of Public Utilities, Assistant Attorney Generals assigned to both, and the Public Service Commission
  - PURF is a small percentage of utility bills included in rates
- The Office has administrative and P&T (professional and technical) budgets
  - Administrative budget is primarily personnel costs and miscellaneous office expenses
  - Overhead taken directly out of PURF
  - P&T designed to cover consultant expenses and is authorized for limited additional use
- Both budgets have non-lapsing authority



# Administrative Budget

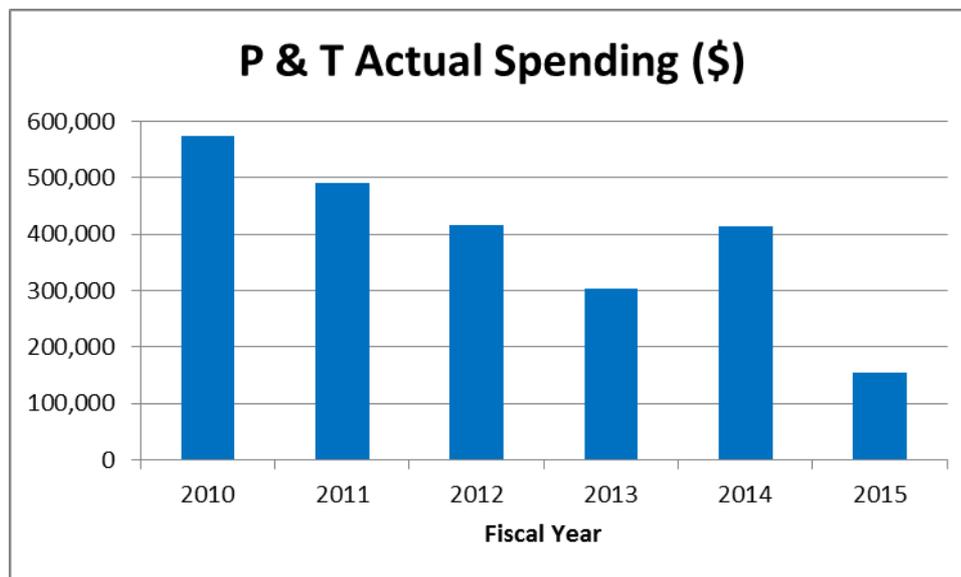
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- Approximate percentages by category:
  - Personnel: 90%
  - IT: 5%
  - Misc. Office expense: 4%
  - Travel: 1%



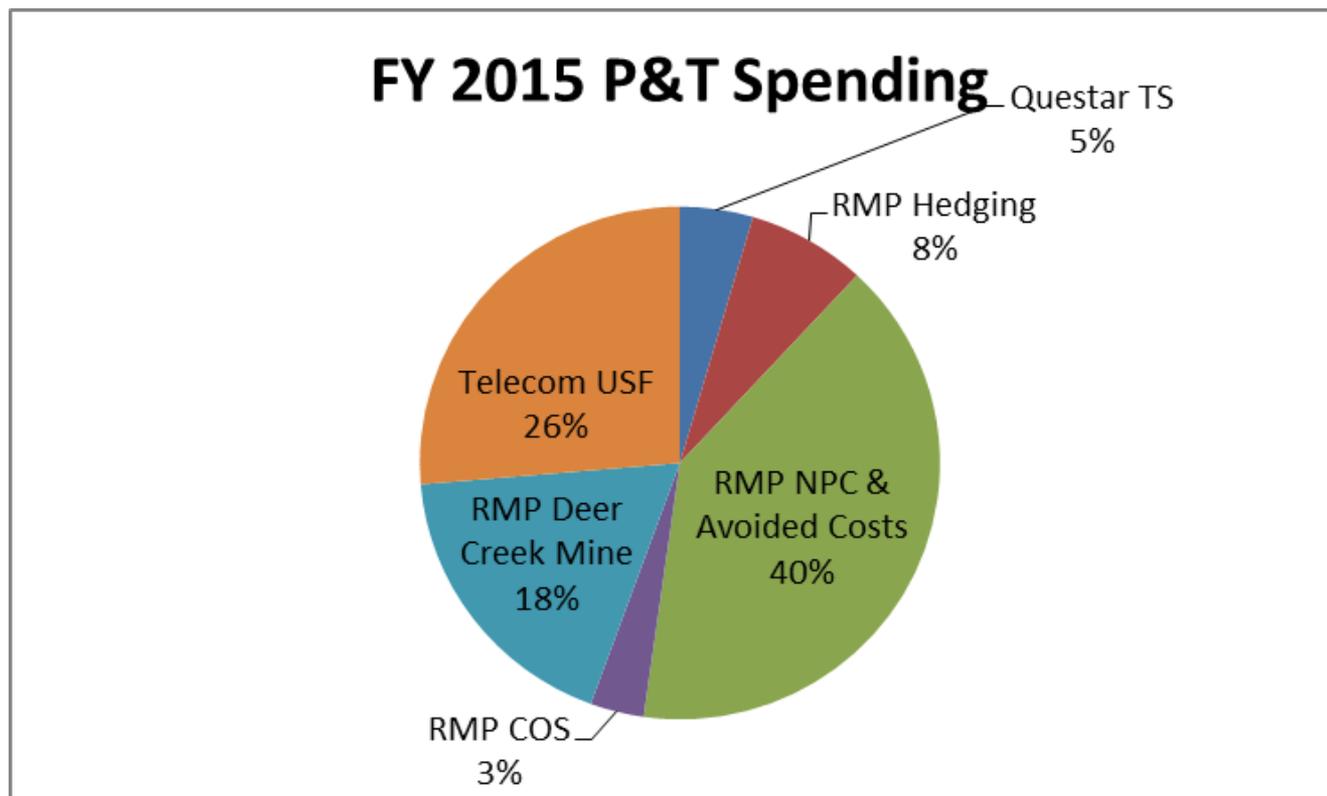
# Professional & Technical Budget

- \$500,000 per year
- Non-lapsing authority helps to manage the cyclical nature of our consultant expenses





# Professional & Technical Budget





# Follow-Up Discussion Policy Objectives

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# Avoided Costs and QF Facilities

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Rocky Mountain Power



# PacifiCorp Integrated Resource Plan

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## Comments filed by OCS

- Concern about level of Class 2 DSM (energy efficiency)
  - Utah accounts for 60% of DSM resources, but only 43% of system
  - Lack of detail by sector and end use of how this will be achieved
  - Recommend that the Company provide updates and more information on these issues
- Reliance on FOT
  - Power supply assessments indicate adequate reserves currently available
  - Recommend the Company monitor the market and provide annual updates
- Energy gateway Transmission Projects
  - 1300 miles of Gateway West and Gateway South
  - Recommend that in future IRPs the Company update the justification for these projects
- Capacity from QF Facilities
  - Over 1000 MW of wind and solar QFs are planned to be online in Utah by the end of 2016
  - These resources are acquired outside of the system wide planning process



## Many Organizations Filed Comments

- Office of Consumer Services
- Division of Public Utilities
- Utah Association of Energy Users
- Utah Clean Energy and SWEEP
- Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment
- Sierra Club, et. al. – HEAL Utah, Western Clean Energy Campaign, Powder River Basin Resource Council, Idaho Conservation League
- League of Women Voters
- Interwest Energy Alliance
- Matt Pacinza (HEAL Utah, et. al.)



## Related Initiatives

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- Sierra Club
  - “PacifiCorp’s 20-Year-Plan of Coal Dependence is Risky Business!”
  - Two different form letters submitted by hundreds of customers
- Heal Utah
  - “Brown Sky, The Truth About How Rocky Mountain Power Obstructs Renewable Energy”
  - Received little media attention
- Both initiatives provide a mix of factual and misleading information



# Other Business

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# Adjourn

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